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FOCUS Tip of the Week: Commodity Code Changes for Frozen Ham Products

The ordering due date has been extended from May 30, 2003 to June 5, 2003 to give all of you a little extra time. Take your time. When you order, please keep a close eye on those items that need to be ordered by pounds rather than cases. This is one of the most popular oversights. If you have made this type of error, please contact the schools branch to correct rather than the help desk.

Due to truck poundage change from 36,000 to 40,000 pounds, the following changes have occurred for Frozen Ham Products:

- Commodity code A673 (Ham frz wateradd) Changed to A693 (Ham frz wateradd 40)
- Commodity code A683 (Ham wateradd Ch) Changed to A694 (Ham wateradd CH 40)

PCIMS Commodity File Information:

- A693 HAM FRZ WATERADD 40 L 40000 1 1.0486 267145 4/10 LB HAM/CTN Cases 1,000
- A694 HAM WATERADD CH 40 L 40000 1 1.0425 267341 4/10 LB HAM/CTN Cases 1,000

For your information, the Commodity Codes for these Frozen Ham Products were changed in April 2003 to use for SY 2004.

Please continue to order chilled hams for further processing or for immediate use; this is a better quality product when it is delivered in a chilled state versus frozen. If you are a State Distributing Agency for Commodity Schools and Institutions, please contact the designated USDA FOCUS food-ordering specialist for help. A list of these FOCUS Contacts is posted on Food Distribution's FOCUS Website at:

www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/FOCUS/focus-contacts.htm